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Halle

1. The town commandant of Halle is Colonel Zhukov; the garrison includes motorized units which are housed in barracks in Damaschkestrasse and MVD Frontier Control Cavalry (Kavallerie, Grenzbeobachtung NKWD) which are accommodated in barracks in Reilstrasse. The barracks attached to Halle Airfield were cleared of troops about the middle of February, and it was anticipated that replacements would arrive toward the end of March. Officers of these new units have already reached the town. The Vogelweide Barracks and the "Caserne der Frohen Zukunft" are filled to capacity, but no details are available on the occupying units. The premises of the former business house of Biermann and Sembran in "am Markt" are being used as a supply depot. There is a motor fuel and lubricant dump in Merseburgerstrasse. On 24 February twelve tanks arrived from the direction of Nurnburg. These were loaded on to a train the same evening in the freight yard and dispatched eastward. These tanks had a gun of approximately three and one half meters in length, fitted with a double-slotted muzzle brake. Each turret was painted with two Soviet stars

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Shoulder strap colors observed in Halle were as follows:

Black epaulettes with red piping;
 Black epaulettes with red piping and crossed gun barrels;
 Green epaulettes with red piping;
 Black epaulettes with blue piping;
 All-black epaulettes.

Freiburg in Saxony

2. The MVD office in Freiburg is under the command of Major Alex Paskaverov 50X1-HUM
 This office is mainly engaged in duties connected with troop movements and locations, all outlying units being obliged to render reports of proposed maneuvers or exercises and movements. This office is subsidiary to a headquarters in Oechata from which higher directives are received. Close liaison is also maintained with another unit, details of which are not yet known. The officers wear green shoulder straps with a red border and are paid fixed salaries with bonuses. 50X1-HUM
 The garrison at Freiburg consists of approximately 5,000 men of mixed units, the majority of them being cavalry. Enlisted men are generally issued machine-

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pistols, and officers carry pistols similar in design to the German 08. Daily exercises take place on the firing ranges situated in the woods outside the town.

Fürstenberg/Oder

3. The garrison of Fürstenberg/Oder now numbers approximately 6,000 men, mainly Red Army personnel. A troop train carrying 500 men left there on 1 March in an easterly direction, three or four similar trains having preceded it. On 6 March a train was observed being loaded with motor vehicles at Fürstenberg. [redacted] The direction of this movement was not 50X1-HUM ascertainable.

Southern Mark Brandenburg and Saxony

4. The security measures on the firing ranges and training areas between Treuenbrietzen and Jüterbog have been canceled. The tank units stationed in those two towns departed on 17 February, leaving only penal units 5,000 strong. The Komendatur have been disbanded. The penal units are expected to leave the area shortly. Apart from the Welfare office for troops in transit, there are no Red Army troops stationed in Chemnitz, Coswig/Elbe or Aken/Elbe, and Komendatur in these places have been disbanded. On 3 March two AFVs [redacted] left the Tank Barracks in Dessau in the direction of Rossau. 50X1-HUM

Magdeburg

5. The Panzer Barracks in the Rudolf Breitscheid-Strasse on the Magdeburg-Biederitz railroad line have not been reoccupied since the previous troops left. The barracks on the Berliner Chaussee opposite Magdeburg/East Airfield are occupied; unit and arm of service have not yet been ascertained. The central military telephone exchange has been moved to Cracau on the east bank of the Elbe, as has also the Komendatur in the Goethestrasse with all its departments. 50X1-HUM

6. [redacted]
7. A column of fifteen Red Army trucks of the American three-axled type and in good condition was seen on 5 March, traveling through Bautzen in an easterly direction. 50X1-HUM

8. The Hoyerswerda Komendatur was moved on about 20 February, to Bautzen. No Russian troops remain in Hoyerswerda. 50X1-HUM

9. Soviet troops billeted in the ex-SS Barracks at Dresden [redacted]
[redacted] No Soviet rail troop transports passed through the Reichsbahndirektion Dresden during the four weeks up to 2 March 1947.

10. The former Wehrmacht ammunition dump in the woods near Lossa has been cleared. Part of the ammunition (explosives and incendiary bombs) was destroyed on the spot, while mines were taken to the Baltic.

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